AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification beginning on page 8, line 4 as follows:

Shown in FIG. 2 is a first embodiment of an inventive closure. As is seen, this embodiment has a basic body 1 with a through-opening 1.1, which is provided with three steps in the region of the axial end facing cavity 10 (depicted here only in part). Accordingly, through-opening 1.1 expands from a diameter that, as is shown, is still initially 11 millimeters in the region of its first axial end, in three steps in the direction of its second axial end. The first step-shaped expansion 4.1 serves to accommodate the bushing 3 in such a way that through-opening 1.1 and continuous bore 3.1 in the bushing are aligned flush with each other. The second step-shaped expansion 4.2 serves to form a cavity between bushing 3 and closure body 1. Finally, the third step 4.3 serves to accommodate a shoulder in the radial direction of bushing 3 so as to create thereby a support in the axial direction between bushing 3 and closure body 1, by means of which an axial thrust force that is applied on the front side of the fusible safeguard element, in this case a eutectic fusible solder, or on bushing 3 on the side of cavity 10, is conveyed into closure body 1. For the same reason, the diameter of the continuous bore 3.1 in bushing 3 is also provided with a step-shaped expansion in the region of the axial end thereof, so that the thrust force of the fusible solder can be transmitted to bushing 3. The fusible solder can therefore be designed with a comparatively short axial length, here with an axial length of 8 millimeters, a tolerance of +/-1 millimeter being advantageous.